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Connection News

for the week of
March 28th to April 5th



Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

7:00 p.m. ~ Maundy Thursday Service

Good Friday, March 29th

9:30 a.m. ~ ecumenical Good Friday walk,
Palmer Park gazebo

Easter Sunday, March 31st

6:45 a.m. ~ Easter sunrise service,
Pine Grove Cemetery, Prince Albert

10:00 a.m. ~ Easter Sunday worship

Church Chicks United's annual **Easter bonnet contest** is Easter Sunday, March 31st, at 12:00 noon, downtown in front of the post office on Queen Street. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., at the tent across from the Royal Bank. All free-will donations will benefit Operation Scugog.

It is time to book your professional photo session for our upcoming church photo directory!! You can do this by visiting www.universalportraits.com. Simply click on appointments and select Port Perry United Church in the menu. For your convenience, there is a link to the **on-line booking system** right on our church website. **You can also book your appointment while at church! Leanne Ashbridge will be signing up people for appointments in the lounge.** You can also reach out to Leanne mid-week for assistance by email LIashbridge@gmail.com or phone 905-985-9520. By booking your appointment you are saving a volunteer needing to call you! Plus, every booking earns the church \$6 and you receive a free photo directory!!



Our Church Council has approved the **hiring of two contract positions in the church**. One is a **Children's Program Director** (8 to 10 hours a week, \$20 per hour) and the other is a **Technical Lead** (5 hours a week, \$20 per hour). Copies of the position descriptions are available in the mail slot outside the office door. Resumes may be submitted to the church administrator.

Plans for Vacation Bible Camp are underway! The dates for the camp this summer are July 8th to 12th, 9:00 a.m. to noon. There are many ways to help contribute to the success of the camp. Most importantly, we need adults to help prepare and serve snack each day of camp, adults to help with the closing hotdog lunch, and adults or older teens to help with supervising and supporting campers as they move from one activity to the next. **Please let the church office know if you are able to lend a hand for one or more days of Vacation Bible Camp.** Thanks in advance!

Confirmation class is not meeting on Easter Sunday, March 31st. Classes will resume Sunday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m.

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Both **youth groups** (Grades 6 to 12) will meet next **Friday, April 5th** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The theme is pickleball! Come and learn from experts in our own congregation and a professional pickleball instructor!!



The Christian Education Committee is hosting a **pot-luck supper and family games night** on **Saturday, April 27th**, gathering at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favourite board game or a deck of cards; from bridge or euchre to Catan, Clue, or Go Fish. This is a night for all ages and interests. Come and have fun with your church family! If you would like to stay afterward to help clean up, please contact the office and let us know. Thanks!

Port Perry's Christian Education Committee welcomes church families, couples, and singles to join in on a **weekend of church camping fun** from **Friday, June 21st to Sunday, June 23rd**, at the Riverwood Park Campgrounds near Lindsay. Riverwood is a private family campground with many amenities. Check out their website at www.riverwoodpark.net. All sites are serviced with water and electricity. Sites are available at a cost of \$70 per night. Not a camper? Not a problem! The **weekend includes a non-camper option on Saturday, June 22nd!** This includes a whole day at the campground with full use of their pool, playgrounds, walking trails, and riverside. We will end Saturday with a pot-luck supper and campfire. Come for the day or just for the pot-luck supper—whatever suits you! The cost for non-camper visitors will be \$5.00 per person. For overnight campers, a \$25 deposit is due to Tim Chasse as soon as possible. Please email Tim at timchasse39@gmail.com, to let him know that you are planning on participating. Also, it would be helpful to know if you are thinking of taking in the non-camper option. Tim is very happy to answer any of your questions, so don't hesitate to ask!



The **church band** will be tuning up for Heritage Sunday on May 5th, under the leadership of Charles White. Rehearsals will be Sunday, April 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th, after morning worship. This is a band for all ages, grade 8's and up. Please let Charles know, at charles.jan.white@gmail.com, if you intend to be part of the band, so that your music can be prepared.

Our next Souper Sunday is April 28th!!

Please plan to stay after morning worship and enjoy a delicious soup lunch, mac and cheese, and ice cream sundaes! There is no charge for the lunch; donations are gratefully received. All proceeds will go to local charities. Thank you so much for all your support of this yummy project!!



The Stewardship Committee is hosting a **heritage dinner on Saturday, May 4th, at 5:30 p.m. Come and enjoy black forest ham with delicious scalloped potatoes and all the fixings!** Tickets are \$20 per person. Tickets will be on sale closer to the date, in the church auditorium following morning worship, or in the church office during the week.

Mark Friday, May 17th, to Sunday, May 26th, on your calendars! **These are the dates for our Stewardship Committee's spring on-line auction.** Please start thinking about what you might like to donate.

The **sacrament of infant baptism** will be celebrated on Sunday, May 12th. Please contact the church office, by Sunday, May 5th, if you have an infant or child whom you wish to have baptized. A baptism preparation session will be held on Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m., in the resource room at Port Perry United Church.

The March-April edition of ***The Upper Room*** is available at the back of the sanctuary.



**Port Perry United Church
Spring Rummage Sale
Friday, April 19th, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
& Saturday, April 20th, 9:00 a.m.
to 3:00 p.m.**

Celebrate 48 Years of Reducing, Reusing & Recycling!

Spring is here! It's time to clean out our closets, nooks, and crannies of the things we haven't used in the last 5(?) years. We welcome **donations** of clean family clothing, footwear, accessories, jewellery, small housewares and décor, linens, sports equipment, tools, toys, children's books only, CDs, DVDs, seasonal items, and decorations. No electronics or TVs please. **Donations may be left in the downstairs storage room.** *When making donations, if possible, please put items in a box or a tote for drop off, to reduce the amount of plastic waste.* Please contact Brenda Robinson at 905-985-2903, if you need a pick-up.

The volunteers who make it happen are the heart of the sale!

Helpers are needed:

Wednesday, April 17th, 7:15 p.m.: to bring items from storage

Thursday, April 18th, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.: to unpack and set out donations (as many as possible for each shift)

Friday, April 19th, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.: to monitor the rooms (6 helpers each shift); 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.: (4 helpers)

Saturday, April 20th, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: to consolidate items (4 helpers)

1:00 p.m.: to pack up items for Diabetes (14 helpers)

1:30 p.m.: to take boxes and bags to storage room, take down tables and put them back where they belong (8 strong helpers)

Please contact Jill Bates, email jillybeanbates@hotmail.com or phone at 905-985-6014, if you can give the gift of time.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Church meetings and events are now posted under "Calendar" on our website. To add a church event to the calendar, please contact the church office.

The **Men's Fellowship Group** meets on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 10:00 a.m., in the Centennial Room

The **Worship Committee** meets on Thursday, April 4th at 2:00 p.m., in the Prince Albert Room

The **UCW Mary Unit** meets on Monday, April 8th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Centennial Room